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To whom it may concern,

I just wanted to give my sarcastic thanks from consumers around the world in the communist antitrust case against Microsoft. I do not and have never worked for Microsoft so do not misunderstand. But I have followed this case from start to finish and have hoped for one socialist from the DOJ to explain how this case was ever helping consumers; the whole point of antitrust legislation and enforcement. How have consumers been so seriously hurt by Microsoft that years and millions of dollars were tied up in this venture? If so, will someone explain how? Microsoft provided most software for free, such as Internet Explorer, which allowed the Internet Information Age to begin and explode. Operating Systems were provided at market value and consumers were not gouged for upgrades once the OS was installed. Windows OS's allowed the installation of competing software such as Netscape Navigator. I'll tell you what the point of this whole insane abuse of an American company was: Money. Competing companies needed a way and time to catch up and attempt to get a piece of Microsoft's market share. States saw an opportunity to get money....what did they settle for? Money in essence. They get free software from the very company that they were attempting to break up. Is that all they wanted? Microsoft would have given it to them had they asked and do so to many poor school districts around the country. I'll bet if Gates and Microsoft had given money to the Democratic National Committee like the CEO of Novell did and still does, this would have never happened. So, in conclusion, I just wanted to send out a hearty thank you from consumers around the world. Thank you for sparing me from paying \$89 for the best operating system. I could have payed \$89, but now it will be \$289 to compensate for legal bills caused by the DOJ protecting consumers. Great job once again and another great use of American tax dollars. Sleep well at night communists. You lost again...Microsoft was smarter than you as usual.

Regards,
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P.S. I would include my address but someone at DOJ would probably turn me over to the IRS for another one of those protecting America's pork spending audit. Get back to seeing if there are more civil liberties you all can destroy.